

1 SENATE BILL 454

2 **48TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2007**

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10 AN ACT

11 RELATING TO CRIMES; PROHIBITING CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY
12 BELONGING TO A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER.

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

15 Section 1. A new section of Chapter 30, Article 15 NMSA
16 1978 is enacted to read:

17 "[NEW MATERIAL] CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OF A HOUSEHOLD
18 MEMBER.--

19 A. Criminal damage to property of a household
20 member consists of intentionally damaging any real or personal
21 property of a household member by another household member
22 without the consent of all owners of the property.

23 B. Whoever commits criminal damage to property of a
24 household member is guilty of a petty misdemeanor, except that
25 when damage to the property amounts to more than one thousand

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dollars (\$1,000), the crime is a fourth degree felony.

C. As used in this section, "household member" means a spouse, former spouse or family member, including a relative, parent, present or former stepparent, present or former in-law, co-parent of a child or person with whom a person has had a continuing personal relationship. Cohabitation is not necessary to be deemed a household member for the purposes of this section."